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1. ORLANDI WISHES ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 24 AT 16:25 HOURS VIA PAA 67, FOR TWELVE (12) DAY PROGRAM. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL THUS FAR IN PERSUADING HIM TO STAY LONGER; HE DOES NOT SEE HOW HE CAN ABSENT HIMSELF FROM HIS POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN ITALY FOR A LONGER PERIOD. HE IS NOT NOW PLANNING TO HAVE ANYONE ACCOMPANY HIM.

2. ORLANDI IS AMONG THE TOP THREE NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE ITALIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SERVED UNTIL RECENTLY AS NATIONAL POLITICAL SECRETARY. NOW EDITOR OF THE PARTY'S DAILY ORGAN HUMANITA, HE IS LIKELY TO RETURN TO THE SECRETARYSHIP AT SOME FUTURE TIME. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST ARTICULATE AND INFLUENTIAL LEADERS OF A PARTY WHICH HAS MADE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE US ITS BASIC FOREIGN POLICY PLANK. WITHIN TWO YEARS, ITALY WILL HOLD WHAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE ITS MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL ELECTIONS SINCE 1948. HIS VISIT TO THE US COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH USEFUL INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE FOR DIRECTING HIS PARTY'S CAMPAIGN.

3. ORLANDI WISHES TO LEAVE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE DETAILS OF HIS VISIT, WITHIN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF LEARNING HOW POLITICAL PARTIES ORGANIZE AND CARRY THEIR CAMPAIGN TO THE VOTERS, AND HOW GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC. WE WOULD ALSO

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LIKE TO MEET WITH NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE AFL-CIO, BOTH IN NEW YORK

AND WASHINGTON.

4. FOLLOWING EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FROM WHICH A PROGRAM CAN BE ORGANIZED BASED ON SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM AND HIS AIDES. MEETINGS WITH NATIONAL OFFICERS OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES, MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ESPECIALLY THOSE CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL LEGISLATION (HOUSING, EDUCATION), AND FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD EUROPE AND SOVIET UNION, VISIT TO A MAJOR NEWSPAPER TO DISCUSS OPERATION AND FINANCING, VISIT TO A MAJOR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, VISIT TO A STATE CAPITAL TO DISCUSS STATE GOVERNMENT, MEETINGS WITH MAYORS RESPECTIVELY OF LARGE AND SMALL CITIES, VISITS TO ILLUSTRATE US URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMS, SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF MASS TRANSPORTATION, OPERATIONS OF A TYPICAL MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANY, ROLE OF SMALL INDUSTRY.

5. ORLANDI HAD NO STRONG PREFERENCES REGARDING CITIES HE WISHES TO VISIT BESIDES NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CHICAGO AND AN APPROPRIATE CITY OF THE SOUTH AND OF THE FAR WEST BE INCLUDED.VOLPE

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